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### **Emergency Medical Services for Children Day Observed in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed May 17, 2006, as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day in North Dakota.

Emergency Medical Services for Children Day highlights the unique emergency-care needs of children and emphasizes the importance of properly trained emergency personnel, appropriately equipped ambulances and emergency departments, and well-defined pediatric treatment procedures.

“Our children are precious and deserve the best possible care when they are sick or injured,” Hoeven said. “North Dakota’s emergency personnel are dedicated to saving children’s lives and to ensuring they grow up safe and healthy.”

About 30 million children need emergency care each year in the United States. Emergency medical services professionals work to save children’s lives through emergency response, injury prevention, safety awareness and emergency preparedness. In addition, parents and caregivers play a critical role in preventing and preparing for pediatric emergencies.

For more information about Emergency Medical Services for Children Day, contact Stuart Hammer, Emergency Medical Services for Children Program coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.4521.

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**Proclamation**  
**Emergency Medical Services for Children Day**  
**May 17, 2006**

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are a vital public service for all North Dakota citizens, especially children in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of children are different from the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services for Children promotes the high-level care given by emergency medical services providers with pediatric emergency skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services for Children works with physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, firefighters, educators, administrators and others to identify and address the issues surrounding the provision of optimal pediatric care and the prevention of injuries North Dakota's children; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services for Children assists in the development and implementation of training programs and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children receive timely and appropriate care.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 17, 2006, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven  
Governor

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